Committee regarding limiting the maximum time span of pilot projects to twelve months in so far as the latest letter of intent to M|s. U. S. West India is concerned: and

(b) if so, what are the techno-economic consideration for such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) No Sir. Duration of pilot projects depends upon the type of technology to be proved. As such, time span will vary from case to case.

Intra-Circle STD and long distance trunk services

391. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nomenclature-'Intra-Circle' STD which finds mention in the tender documents for basic telecom services, is a new concept which was not there in the New Telecom Policy document;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the New Telecom Policy did not envisage the opening of STD and long distance trunk services to the private operators, irrespective of whether they are 'intra-circle' or 'inter-circle;" and

(c) if so, what are the considerations for such a deperture from the NTP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Sir, Guidelines on the National Telecom Policy envisage that the private operators will be allowed to set up long distance network within a circle. As such, the STD calls within the circle between the operators subscribers can be conveyed over operators network.

Malfunctioning of Telephone Services in Dhanbad

392. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints about the malfunctioning of telephone services in and around Dhanbad District of Bihar;

(b) if so, what action has been taken so far;

(c) whether looking into the gravity of the situation, Government would order a public inquiry by an impartial authority into the functioning of telephone services in Dhanbad; and

(d) if not, what measures Government propose to take so that telephone services in Dhanbad District work to the satisfaction of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The old strowger exchanges have been replaced by Electronic Exchanges at Saraidhele, Dhanbad ad Chirunda.

(c) The services have now improved after replacement of old exchanges. As such, no investigation is necessary.

(d) Does not arise, in view of (c) above.

Speed Post services in Maharashtra

393. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the speed post services in Maharashtra are running in losses:

(b) if so, what is being done to better the speed post services;

(c) if not, what is the profit earned during the last three years on the speed post services in Maharashtra;

(d) whether some more cities are being included in the speed post services in Maharashtra this year; and

(e) if so, what are those cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No. Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c) The revenue earned in Speed Post during last three years is:—

Year	Amount
1991-92. . . .	Rs. 5,17,53,568
1992-93. . . .	Rs. 7,67,33,444
1993-94. . .	Rs. 12,43,51,866

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The following cities have been provided point-to-point Speed Post Service:—

1. Bombay-Amravati
2. Bombay-Thane
3. Bombay-New Bombay

Satellite link for delivery of money Orders in U.P.

394. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh has been brought under satellite link for delivery of money orders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the State would be brought under this scheme; and

(d) what are the names of States which have been brought under satellite link for delivery of money orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. VSATs (Very Small Aperture Terminals) set up under the project for speedy transmission of money orders include one at Lucknow.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Pilot project for transmission of money orders through satellite channel has been implemented with VSAT stations at Delhi, Madras, Bangalore, Lucknow, Patna and Shimla.

मध्य प्रदेश में स्वचालित टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज

†395. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में इस समय कार्यरत स्वचालित टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों की जिला-वार संख्या कितनी है; और

(ख) ऐसे प्रत्येक टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज की क्षमता कितनी है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) 30-9-94 की स्थिति के अनुसार मध्य प्रदेश में कार्य कर रही स्वचालित टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों की संख्या 2357 है, जिसकी कुल क्षमता 630746 लाइनों की है। एक्सचेंजों की संख्या का जिलावार ब्यौरा विवरण (नीचे देखिए) में दिया गया है।

(ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।